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Sumter Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of William Hugh Phillips (DOB: 1976) of Sumter, S.C. on fifteen (15) counts involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The South Carolina Attorney General's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators say that Phillips was involved in exchanging files containing child pornography via peer-to-peer file sharing.

Phillips was arrested on January 13, 2016 and charged with fifteen (15) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count. A computer was seized for forensic examination.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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